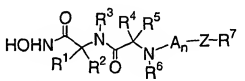
What is claimed is:

1. A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (I):



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wherein:

R^1 and R^4 are, independently of each other, hydrogen or alkyl;

R^2 is: (i) cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocyclo or heterocycloalkyl; or

(ii) -(alkylene)-B-X where B is -O-, $-NR^8-$, $-S(O)_n-$ (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -$CONR^8-$, $-NR^8CO_2-$, NR^8SO_2- or $-C(=NR^8)NR^8SO_2-$(where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or

(iii) -(alkylene)-B-X where B is $-NR^8CO-$ (where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or

(iv) R^2 and R^3 form an alkylene or heteroalkylene chain;

R^3 is hydrogen or alkyl;

R^6 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

R^5 is:

(i) hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X^1 where X^1 is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R" (where R' and R" are independently H or alkyl, or R'and R" form an alkylene chain); or

(ii) R^5 and R^4 form an alkylene chain; or

(iii) R^5 and R^6 form an alkylene chain;

n is 0 or 1;

A is $-C(=O)-CH(R^9)-(CH_2)_m-N(R^{10})-$ wherein:

m is an integer from 0-5 inclusive;

R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X^1 where X^1 is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R" (where R' and R" are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R" form an alkylene chain); and

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl;

Z is Y-B wherein:

Y is alkylene or a bond; and

B is -CO-, -C(O)O-, -$CONR^8$-, -SO_2-, or -SO_2NR^8- (where R^8 is hydrogen or alkyl), alkylene (optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, monoalkylamino or dialkylamino) or a bond;

R^7 is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

provided that when n = 0 and Z is SO_2, then R^2 does not contain an imidazole group; and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, prodrugs, individual isomers, and mixtures of isomers.

2. The compound of Claim 1 wherein:
n is 0.

3. The compound of Claim 2 wherein R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

4. The compound of Claim 3, wherein:
R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

5. The compound of Claim 4 wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- or -$S(O)_2$-.

6. The compound of Claim 5 wherein:
R^2 is optionally substituted benzyl or heteroaralkylmethyl.

7. The compound of Claim 6 wherein, R^2 is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

8. The compound of Claim 7 wherein R^2 is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

9. The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
R^7 is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

10. The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- and R^7 is optionally substituted benzyl.

11. The compound of Claim 9 wherein:
Z is $-SO_2-$ and R^7 is aryl or heteroaryl.

12. The compound of Claim 10, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

13. The compound of Claim 12 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

14. The compound of Claim 11, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

15. The compound of Claim 14 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

16. The compound of Claim 3 wherein:
R^2 is (alkylene)-B-X where B is -O-, $-NR^8-$, $-S(O)_n-$ (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, $-CONR^8-$, $-NR^8CO_2-$, $-NR^8SO_2-$ or $-C(=NR^8)NSO_2-$(where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

17. The compound of Claim 16, wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- or -$S(O)_2$-.

18. The compound of Claim 17, wherein R^2 is CH_2-B-X and
B is -$NHCO_2$- and X is benzyl.

19. The compound of Claim 18 wherein:
R^7 is aryl or aralkyl.

20. The compound of Claim 19, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

21. The compound of Claim 20 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

22. The compound of Claim 1 wherein:
n is 1.

23. The compound of Claim 22 wherein m is 0 and R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

24. The compound of Claim 23, wherein:
R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

25. The compound of Claim 24, wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- or -$S(O)_2$-.

26. The compound of Claim 25, wherein:
R^2 is optionally substituted benzyl or heteroarylmethyl.

27. The compound of Claim 26 wherein R^2 is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

28. The compound of Claim 27 wherein R^2 is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

29. The compound of Claim 28 wherein:
R^7 is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

30. The compound of Claim 29 wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- and R^7 is benzyl.

31. The compound of Claim 29 wherein:
Z is $-SO_2-$ and R^7 is aryl.

32. The compound of Claim 30, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

33. The compound of Claim 32 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

34. The compound of Claim 31, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

35. The compound of Claim 34 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

36. The compound of Claim 23, wherein:
R^2 is (alkylene)-B-X where B is -O-, $-NR^8-$, -S-, -C=O, $-CONR^8-$, $-NR^8CO_2-$, $-NSO_2-$ or $-C(=NR^8)NSO_2-$(where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

37. The compound of Claim 36, wherein:
Z is -C(O)O- or $-S(O)_2-$.

38. The compound of Claim 37, wherein R^2 is CH_2-B-X and B is -$NHCO_2$- and X is benzyl.

39. The compound of Claim 38 wherein:
R^7 is aryl or aralkyl.

40. The compound of Claim 39, wherein:
R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

41. The compound of Claim 40 wherein R^5 is (S,S)-1-methylpropyl.

42. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

43. A method of treating disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a compound of Claim 1.

44. The method of Claim 43, wherein the disease is a fibrotic disease.

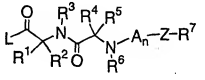
45. The method of Claim 44 wherein the disease is acute respiratory distress syndrome.

46. A method of treating fibrosis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an inhibitor of procollagen C-proteinase that is at least ten-fold more selective for procollagen C-proteinase over both collagenase-1, collagenase-2 and collagenase-3.

47. A method for preparing the compounds of Claim 1 by:

(i) treating a compound of Formula II wherein L is a leaving group and R^1 - R^7, A, n and Z are as defined in Claim 1 with hydroxylamine or a protected derivative thereof, and

(ii) deprotecting as necessary and isolating the compound of Claim 1.



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